

SUFFOLK COMMITTEE FOR CAMPING  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
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President Dave Lipman opened the General Membership meeting of Suffolk Committee for Camping at 7:30 PM. The salute to the flag was led by Dave followed by a moment of silence.

Board members in attendance: Bob Colwell, Clare Gunning, Joe Kukral, Todd Lavender, Dave Lipman, Sharynn Lipman, and Carmella Masem.

Clubs Represented: LI Pathfinders, LI Castaways, Polecats, Hooters, LI Drifters, Cruisers, The Long Islanders, Friends by Nature, LIBBA, Seagulls, Mallards, LI Allegros, Long Island Campers FB Group, and the Poconuts.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to accept as read by Gary Sulz, second by John Groves.

Correspondence: The Campers of Long Island, who have disbanded, sent a note with a check for donation to the SCC Scholarship Fund. Thank you to Ron.

Legislative: Joe attended the Parks and Recreation meeting this afternoon. He brought up again the verbiage change in the sex offender law. We want Parks Police changed to Parks Ranger. The Commissioner is going to put something together to put on the front of the laws notifying that all future reference to Park Police is changed to Park Ranger. The North Fork Preserve was discussed at the meeting. They are going to put 15 campsites out there. You must be self-contained. There is no dump station and no water available. There will be fire rings. No plans for full time employees. Catholic Health Services is donating sun screening dispensers and sun screen refills for all the parks. They will purchase all but the county has to install. It's a three-year contract.

Membership: So far, 13 clubs are paid up. Forms will be emailed to clubs that haven't paid to remind them that the dues are due.

Commercial Membership: Emails went out to all current members. Four were received back. Twelve applications went out to new businesses in an effort to drum up new members.

Scholarship: Forms on the table.

Park Liaison: A few of the parks were driven through. At Cathedral Pines they are working on putting in the piping for the water and electric in B Field. The electric will go in after the season. They say the field will not show any sign or any work being done when it's finished. Southaven was locked. Smith Point looks good. The Girl Scouts cleaned up all trace of the light show. They are talking about installing more of the fire rings in the sites. They were working on putting the Christmas trees in the dunes. Indian Island sites are being used as Cathedral

Pines is closed right now. Group areas are empty. The new building is open for business at Indian Island with the old furniture.

Joe Kukral has been appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Parks Department. Congrats Mr. Trustee. He will be the only one with camping experience on the Board.

LIBBA: They were working on the trees at Smith Point. At Shinnecock the sand came back. All the sites out front look good. Smith Point did not get any sand back. It's a little thin by the day tripping area. At Shinnecock and Montauk the air will go back on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Smith Point the air is on. Camp Hero is going to have cabins put in even though the public is against it.

Kick Off: We are already a quarter full. A good portion of those are first timers so old timers should not assume there will be room for them.

Club Sales: Wagoneers are selling raffles for easy up and chairs for their club and selling hot dogs for scholarship. They are the only club signed up so far.

Entertainment: DJ Friday night and the band Yankee Rebel Saturday night.

Fundraisers for SCC will again be Hot Dogs, 50/50, and Food Sales.

Meals: Kevin Lipman and James Farrell are now in charge of the meals for Kick Off. Both men work in the kitchen at Boy Scout Camp. Bob Colwell will shadow.

Old Business: none

New Business: The new group Reservation System went off without a hitch other than email issues. The feeling is the server can't handle the group email. People are getting emails acknowledging their payments. Only two groups got nothing in their first pick. If you haven't heard on your choices log into the reservation system with the club household number and if you got anything it will be in your cart. Any questions call the office. All payments must be made by Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come March 1, it's first come first serve. There was a fluid list of open group areas at all the parks shared. There's a lot that will become available if clubs don't pay for what they got so it's important to pay your bill now. Don't lose your spot.

Emergency services availability for kickoff was discussed extensively. Joe Kukral will write letter to Middle Island Fire Department. Ways to discover who the EMTs are that are on grounds camping was discussed.

Long Island Campers: Their campout is August 8th-11<sup>th</sup> at Indian Island Campers feelings about people coming in early to their group area discussed.

Good & Welfare: Wayne Zuhoski of the LI Drifters who is snow birding in Texas suffered a massive heart attack and had triple bypass. He's doing well.

50/50 drawing won by John Groves

Next meeting: March 6<sup>th</sup>

A motion to close the meeting made by Dave James. Second by Gary Sulz.

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